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The Houses of **Jay Cooke and Henry**
Clews.
[From the N. Y. World.]

This great panic was first precipitated upon us, and is now revived, by the breaking of houses which gained their standing by the favoritism of the Government. Their power to inflict all this appalling mischief was a consequence of the factitious prestige given them. The country supposed them the strongest and soundest of our banking houses, because they alone stood before the world with a peculiar Government endorsement. So when they broke confidence in all the banks was shaken. If the two houses selected and distinguished from all others as the financial agents of the Government, the two whose soundness was thus certified by an authority having the greatest interest in deciding correctly, can so suddenly collapse, what ground, the community asks in alarm, can we have for confidence in any other bank? Any two other banks of equal resources, but not thus favored and indorsed, might have suspended without spreading such universal distrust and alarm.

Two years ago, almost immediately after the new house of Clews, Habicht & Co. had established itself in London, it was made the financial agent of the Government abroad, and the house of Jay Cooke & Co. has since been promoted to the same trust, one being the financial agent for the diplomatic and the other for the naval service. This business was taken away from the old and solid house of Baring Brothers who had performed this service for a whole generation on terms most favorable to the Government and to its entire satisfaction. The immense resources of that house, its recognized standing and wide connections in every part of the world, gave great facilities and advantages to the diplomatic and the naval service for the prompt payment of their drafts on London. But this agency was taken away from the Barings and given to houses which had no such standing or connections. The Barings were selected by previous Administrations because of their eminent credit and standing; these new houses were selected to give them credit and standing. It was of little advantage to the Barings beyond the simple profits of the agency, their reputation being so great and solid that that that agency could add nothing to it; whereas the selection of Clews, Habicht & Co., and Jay Cooke & Co., created a reputation and conferred a credit which would not otherwise have existed.

Why did these new houses want this certification of their soundness by the Government of the United States? They wanted it because they could make this factitious credit a substitute for capital in extending their connections and enlarging their business. It emboldened them to embark in undertakings which they would otherwise have thought beyond their strength and resources. They were trading not merely on their capital, but on the credit and prestige with which they were invested by Government favoritism. Jay Cooke's attempt to carry the Northern Pacific Railroad was a rash and ill-judged undertaking given him by the Government would enable him to command all the means necessary for getting through. He was himself misled and the country was misled by this imprudent investment, which seemed to make his credit almost as good as that of the Government itself. From this resulted double evil. He was encouraged to go into commercial undertakings beyond his strength; and the public had been deluded by a false glamour that when he fell it seemed as if all the pillars of finance were giving away. Credit is so delicate, so sensitive a thing that a government can commit no greater blunder than that of aiding to build up houses, tempting to go into operations beyond their capital, and putting the whole business of the country in jeopardy if they should happen to collapse. The government certification is the thing that makes their fall so ruinous, and it was their chief temptation to do a more hazardous business than their resources could enable them to succeed in.

ADVENTURES OF A DRESSING GOWN.—A lady was anxious to make her husband a present on the occasion of his birthday, and as it happened to fall in the winter, she thought a dressing gown would be a most useful requisition to the domestic comfort. She went and purchased a fine Persian pattern, well wadded. Not remembering the exact height of her husband, she thought it best to purchase it rather too long than too short, to make sure of its usefulness. The day was wet; the husband returned in the afternoon, and she presented him with the new article of comfort; and he fancied it, indeed, a great article of comfort after he had put off his wet garments. But it was about ten inches too long. "Oh, never mind," said the affectionate wife; "I can easily shorten it to suit you." And she had a party in the evening, and they were very merry; and every one admired the beautiful dressing gown. After they had gone to bed, the wind and rain made such a noise that the wife could not sleep; her husband snored musically. She arose without disturbing him, took the dressing gown, and commenced her work, cutting off about the length of ten inches to make it suit her husband's stature, and then went to bed again. In the morning she was up early to make some arrangements with her housekeeper, as several friends were expected to dinner that day. Suddenly the lady left the room when her sister—a good natured old lady who lived with them—stepped in on tip-toe in order not to disturb the sleepers, took the dressing gown, cut off about ten inches, as she knew it was too long the night before. An hour after the gentleman awoke, and was now anxious to surprise his wife. Ringing for a servant, he was told to take the dressing gown to a tailor, and said it was made shorter by ten inches. The good wife was detained longer than expected; and when she had the dressing gown returned from the tailor's when she came into the room. Her husband had just risen, and proposed now to give his wife his comfort. But how surprised was he to see her half to see her husband in a fine Persian dressing jacket instead of a comfortable dressing gown.

PORK STEAK
AT
BULLARD'S STALL, IN THE MARKET,
LARD ten cents
OTHER MEATS in proportion. sep 24-2w

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MAMMOTH NOTION HOUSE
NO. 78 KING STREET,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

COMPLETE FALL AND WINTER STOCK,
Just purchased in New York from man-
ufacturers and importing commis-
sion houses, rushing in by ev-
ery train and steamer.

A GRAND AND GORGEOUS SELECTION!

MARVELLOUSLY MAGNIFICENT!

Wonderfully choice and cheap, comprising as
rich a selection of goods as can be found
in any house in any city.

With a mammoth house, gigantic stock, aston-
ishing variety, unparalleled in quantity, and
unprecedented in low prices, all com-
bined, cannot fail to largely augment
an already extensive business and
continue to command admir-
ation and defy com-
petition.

LADIES' & GENTS' FURN'G. GOODS.
of every description, are offered in quan-
tity and variety at such low fig-
ures as would do credit
to any city.

Zephyr Worsteds, Germantown Wools, Em-
broidery Materials, Hair Goods, Jewelry, Ho-
siers, Gloves, Ladies', Gents' and Child-
ren's Merino Underwear, Corsets, Laces,
Scarfs, &c., &c., in endless variety;
all of which will be sold at such
prices as will effectually put
an end to extortionary
prices in this city.

HAIR GOODS MANUFACTORY
a wonderful success, as the quantities of
work daily turned out will indicate.

COMBINGS! **COMBINGS!**
Made up into the most beautiful Curly, Switches,
&c., and ladies can rely upon having their own
hair, without doubt, worked up into any design
required, and no substitution to save time or
trouble. All ladies are invited to inspect the
working of the

HAIR DEPARTMENT.
in its various branches, and to examine the im-
mense quantities of the
BEST FRENCH HAIR,
of the most beautiful shades ever seen. This en-
tire business is open to the examination of any
one, and I have no secrets to withhold from any
customer. Send in your orders, and rely upon
having them done up in first class style at prices
beyond competition.

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No. 76 King street.
sep 23—onst

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.
ESTABLISHED 1792.
E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.
DEALERS IN
PURE DRUGS AND MEDICINES,
CHEMICALS, PAINTS, OILS,
VARNISHES, GARDEN SEEDS,
SPICES, ACIDS, &c., &c.
Nos. 5 and 7 South Fairfax st.,
aug 2—tf Alexandria, Va.

COOK & CREIGHTON,
Wholesale and Retail Dealers in
PURE DRUGS AND CHEMICALS, PAINTS,
VARNISHES, GARDEN SEEDS,
WINDOW GLASS AND PUTTY.
No. 108 King street.
Prompt attention given to orders and in-
quiries from the country. mar 19—tf

CLARRIDGE & GRIGG
DRUGGISTS AND APOTHECARIES,
DEALERS IN
Pure Drugs and Chemicals, Patent Medicines,
Foreign and Domestic Pottery, Fancy
Toilet Articles, Hair, Tooth
and Nail Brushes, Pure
Wines and Liq-
ors, &c.
Corner King and Royal streets, Alexandria, Va.
Special attention given to the compounding of
prescriptions. nov 13

SAMUEL H. JANNEY, MAHLON H. JANNEY,
JANNEY & CO., DEALERS IN
PURE DRUGS, LEWIS' WHITE LEAD,
Paints, Oils and Varnishes,
FRENCH WINDOW GLASS & PUTTY.
No. 145 King street.
Orders and Inquiries from the country
promptly attended to. sep 23—tf

PURE VIRGINIA
RYE AND WHEAT
WHISKIES.

We have in store and for sale a few barrels
of PURE RYE and WHEAT WHISKY, of
our own production, made at our Distillery in
May, 1868.

Also an assorted stock of MOORE'S PURE
RYE and BOURBON WHISKIES always in
store.
The above WHISKIES are made from the
finest selected grain, double copper distilled, and
are sold in and from the original packages only.
They are thereby enabled to get a pure unadul-
terated article, and this is a point well worthy of
consideration.

E. E. DOWNHAM & CO.,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.
No. 189 King st., next to James W. Nalls &
Co's. Hardware store,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

All kinds of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and
Musical Instruments carefully repaired and war-
ranted. sep 13-1w

CHOICE WHITE WHEAT
FOR SEED,
For sale by
HOOE & JOHNSTON,
No. 2 Prince street.
sep 25

HAIR GOODS.
MORE
NEW GOODS.

HOOP SKIRTS and BUSTLES.
HOSIERY, full line of seasonable goods.
SUSPENDERS.
RUBBER CLOTH.
COTTON ELEGANCES and TUCKINGS.
STAMPED YOKES, BANDS, &c.
EMBROIDERY SILKS.
LINEN FLOSS, STARK BRAIDS, &c.
LACE COLLARS, KUCHER and Ruffles.
WINDING SCARFS and RIBBONS.
VELL BEREGE.
BUTTON MOULDS, all sizes.
JEWELRY, largest assortment in the city.
HAIR GOODS! HAIR GOODS! Real and
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any other city. Call and examine before pur-
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J. Ferguson's Hair Depot,
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REAL HAIR.

83,700 WORTH OF REAL HAIR
—AND—
HAIR GOODS.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

Daily additions to stock. Manufactured into
any design required by a large corps of hair
workers, who are in full view of all customers.
It is wholesaled at prices as low as any import-
ing house in the country. No extra charge for
special colors. Grey Hair at 25 per ct. less than
any house in the country. Hair Combs made
into beautiful Switches, Braids, Curly, Puffs,
Frizzies, &c., and if the work is not satisfactory
no charge will be made. Goods sold or work
done here kept in order for five years, which is
an inducement offered by no other house in ex-
istence. Hair Goods mailed to any point in the
United States, postage paid, from
GREEN'S NOTION HOUSE,
je 26 76 King street.

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JOHN HAWKINS,

Dealer in

LUMBER AND TIMBER.

BILLS cut to order and delivered per Alex-
andria and Fredericksburg Railway.

Has just set a Mill in a rich piece of timber,
of which a considerable portion is white oak,
of fine quality, much of it suitable for planing
vessels.

Also Yellow Pine, Red Oak and Hickory.

Can furnish Bills promptly, and solicits a por-
tion of the public patronage.

Orders may be left at our wood yard, corner
of Duke and Under streets, where my son is of-
fering SAWED and SPLIT WOOD for sale at
reasonable prices. Postoffice box 230, Alexan-
dria, Va. aug 11-3m

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JAMISON, UHLER & CO.,

ALEXANDRIA PLANING MILLS, SASH,

DOOR & BLIND MANUFACTORY.

Dealers in

Dressed Lumber, White Pine, Geor-
gia, Carolina and Virginia

Flooring.

NOS. 29 and 31 NORTH WATER STREET.

je 2—tf

J. W. NALLS, B. W. NALLS, B. F. PRAKE,

JAMES W. NALLS, SON & CO.,

187 King st., Alex., Va.

Dealers in HARDWARE, CUTLERY

Carpenter's Tools, Doors, Sash, Blinds, Door

and Window Frames, Brackets, Mouldings

Balusters, of different patterns, and Newel

Posts. A large stock of French and American

Glass, double and single thick, of all sizes.

Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Putty and White Wash

Brushes, Limes, Pure White Lead, and other

brands of fine quality, Putty, Turpentine and

Machine Oil. Also, Lime, of superior quality,

Coment, Calced Plaster, Pitch and Felt for

Roofing, &c. A large stock of Pugh's celebra-
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All orders for Lumber, Brick and all kinds

of Building Material, promptly attended to.

Terms cash. feb 11—tf

RISHIELL & HOOGE,

VIRGINIA SASH, DOOR AND BLIND

FACTORY AND PLANING MILL,

CORNER FAIRFAX AND QUEEN STREETS,

Alexandria, Virginia.

Sashes, Doors, Windows, Mouldings,

Brackets, Newels Balusters, and

Mantlepieces,

constantly on hand at the Factory. Call and

examine stock and prices. apr 8—tf

ICE DEALERS.

ICE! **ICE!**

A full supply of

PRIME NATURAL ICE

constantly on hand and for sale at market rates.

Consumers leaving their orders with me can

depend upon obtaining the best and purest of

BOSTON ICE and no other.

Special attention paid to country orders.

F. A. REED, Agent,
No. 5 South wharves.

apr 22

ICE! **ICE!**

Having completed his improvement in Market

space, has established an office and

ICE DEPOT

there, where ICE can be obtained from 5 a. m. to
9 p. m. Orders left at the Drug Store of Mr.
Samuel Lunt, corner of King and Washington
streets, will meet with prompt attention.
Wagons will deliver ICE daily to all private
families ordering it. mh 31—tf

PROFESSIONAL.

DR. JAMES B. HODGKIN.

DENTAL SURGEON,
(Graduate Baltimore College Dental Surgery.)
Office and Residence 99 Prince Street,
(Two doors above Royal.)
ALEXANDRIA, VA. [aug 2—tf

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For the Fall and Winter, 1873.
FRENCH'S,
No. 95 King street, Alexandria, Va.
DEPOSITORY OF BOOKS FOR THE PUBL-
LIC SCHOOLS OF VIRGINIA.
A FULL STOCK OF BOTH SERIES ON
HAND.
For Private Schools, Academies, Colleges and
Seminaries. All the leading Text Books
at publishers' prices.
School Requisites, of every description, at man-
ufacturers' prices.
NEW BOOKS.
ARTICLE 47, a Romance from the French of
Adolphe Delort, 1 vol. bound, \$1 25.
MIRIAM MONTFORT, a novel by the author
of "Household Bourne," \$2.
THE RECORD OF A HAPPY LIFE; \$1 25.
OLD MERRY'S TRAVELS IN FRANCE
AND SWITZERLAND; \$1 25.
UNDER THE SURFACE, by Emily Connel-
l, \$1.
THINKERS AND THINKING, by J. E. Gar-
son, M.D. (John Darby); \$1 50.
NEW BOOKS DAILY.
G. E. FRENCH.
A VERY FINE OULONG TEA just re-
ceived by
G. W. RAMSAY,
sep 18 Corner King and St. Asaph sts.

10 BOXES PRIME FACTORY CHEESE
just received by
J. C. MILBURN
sep 25

GROCERIES.
W. M. F. BROOKES,

DEALER IN
FINE AND FANCY GROCERIES,
147 King street,
Alexandria, Virginia.
Special attention given to the selection of
TEAS, COFFEES and FAMILY FLOUR.
je 10—tf

GEORGE MCBURNEY & SON,

Dealers in
CHOICE FAMILY AND FANCY GROCE-
RIES, WINES AND LIQUORS,
ENGLISH AND SCOTCH ALE AND BROWN
STOUT.
Also, EASTERN and POTOMAC HERRING
and MACKEREL.
NOS. 166 AND 170 KING STREET,
(Washington Hall Building),
Alexandria, Va.
Orders promptly filled. mh 31—tf

CHINESE TEA COMPANY,
NO. 11 NORTH ROYAL STREET.

Have just received a large and carefully se-
lected stock of

TEAS, SEASON 1872.

(No old stock.)

Japan, pound, half do. and quart. do. packages.

very fine,\$1 00

five lb chests, superior quality 4 50

fine, 0 90

Oolong, extra fine quality, 1 00

superior " 0 85

Imperial, extra fine " 1 40

superior " 0 90

fair " 0 65

Young Hyson, extra fine, 1 20

English Breakfast, 1 10

superior " 1 00

Gunpowder, extra fine, 1 60

superior, 1 35

good " 1 00

We are confident that the quality of our Teas
cannot be surpassed, and are willing to have
them compared with any in the market.

We have everything in the FINE GROCERY
LINE.

SHERRY GOODS of all kinds, fresh stock.

FRENCH CANDY, guaranteed to be pure.

The best brands of Domestic and Imported
CIGARS and TOBACCO.

We particularly request our customers to re-
turn any article purchased from us that does not
give satisfaction.

Any club order purchased from the Tea Com-
pany in New York will be duplicated in price,
and surpassed in quality.

CHINESE TEA COMPANY,

No. 11 North Royal street,
Alexandria, Virginia.

je 12—tf

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F. G. SWAINE

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erally that he has leased the store on the corner of
Cameron and Royal streets, (J. C. Milburn's old
stand) and will keep, in connection with the
Grocery, Liquor and Commission store, No. 22
Royal street, a first-class

FAMILY GROCERY,

where can be found at all times fresh Roll But-
ter, Poultry, Eggs, Hominy, Beans, Dried
Fruits, Potatoes, Canned Peaches, Pineapple,
Tomatoes and Corn, &c., &c. Call and exam-
ine. feb 7

G. W. RAMSAY.

WHOLESALE AND FAMILY GROCER,

—AND—

TEA DEALER.

S. E. COR. KING AND ST. ASAPH STS.,

nov 22—tf Alexandria, Va.

RICHARD W. AVERY, F. J. DAVIDSON

AVERY & DAVIDSON

Dealers in

CHOICE FAMILY GROCERIES, WINES,

AND LIQUORS.

No. 226, King street, corner of Alfred,
jan 14—tf Alexandria, Va.

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COAL! **COAL!**

We have now on hand and are constantly re-
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Queen streets, all the best COALS known to
this market. We name in part:

SHAMOKIN and EAST FRANKLIN LOR-

BERRY RED ASH.

JOHN'S, from EAGLE VEIN COLLIERY.

The celebrated CONTINENTAL and HAZ-
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ANTHRACITE COAL, of Stantons White Ash

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Also, **GEORGE'S CREEK CUMBERLAND**

COAL.

Having ample space, each variety of Coal is
kept distinct from that of others, and is es-
pecially prepared for family use. Yards loored
and Coal sent out well screened and free from
stone, 2240 lbs to the ton. Orders left with
Messrs. Claridge & Grigg, corner King and
Royal sts., or at the wharf will be promptly filled.

T. J. MEHAFFEY & CO.

je 17 Wharf and Yards foot of Queen st.

COAL! **COAL!**

To arrive and on wharf a full stock of—

Lyken's Valley Red Ash Coal.

Lorberry Red Ash Coal.

Shamokin Coal.

Henry Clay Mine Coal.

Lee Mine White Ash Coal.

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Lehigh White Ash Coal.

Locust Mountain Coal.

Chesnut Red Ash Coal.

Chesnut White Ash Coal.

West Virginia Coal.

Cumberland Coal.

All of the best quality, and for sale at lowest
market rates—2240 lbs to the ton.

Orders left at 97 King street will be promptly
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